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In re application of

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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1. Tong Zhang; Parhi, K.K., Joint code and decoder design for implementation-oriented (3,k)-regular LDPC codes, Signals, Systems and Computers, 2001, Conference Record of the Thirty-Fifth Asilomar Conference, USA, IEEE, November 4, 2001, Volume 2, 1232–1236.

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